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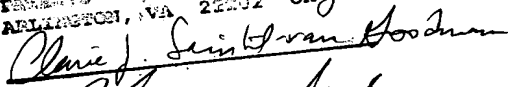
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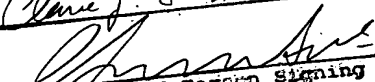
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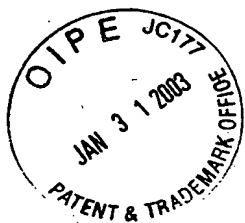
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference:

U.S. Patent Document

Lenker et al. 6,024,763 (02/15/00)

This reference is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), and a copy of it is enclosed herewith.

The document listed in this Statement was cited in an International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER") in an application of another from which claims were recently copied into this application (see the "Notification Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b) Identifying Published Patent Applications From Which Claims Have Been Copied" filed concurrently with this application). The following

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WO 01/70118

Applicants submitted this search report and the references contained therein with the IDS filed 04/11/02.
Lenker et al. 6,024,763*
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WO 01/70091

Applicants submitted this search report and the references contained therein with the Supplemental IDS filed 05/16/02.

WO 01/41624

Applicants submitted this search report and the references contained therein with the Second Supplemental IDS filed on 11/12/02.

WO 01/41623

Applicants submitted this search report and the references contained therein with the IDS filed 04/11/02 and Supplemental IDS filed 05/16/02.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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